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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARLES GARY FELTS,

Defendant.

MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET NO.
CASE NO.

06-503M

COMPLAINT for VIOLATION
U.S.C. Title 18, Section 876(c)



06-MJ-00503-CMP

BEFORE, Monica Benton, United States Magistrate Judge, Seattle, Washington;

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

COUNT 1

(Mailing Threatening Communications)

On or about June 26, 2006, at Aberdeen, within the Western District of Washington, CHARLES GARY FELTS, knowingly caused to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter, to be sent and delivered by the United States Postal Service according to the directions therein, a written communication addressed to a United States judge, to wit: the Honorable Ronald Leighton and Magistrate J. Kelley Arnold, containing a threat to injure the person of the addressee.

All in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 876(c).

1 And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the following:

2 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and have been
3 so employed for five months. I have had training in the investigation of federal crimes.
4 and I am responsible for investigating violations of federal criminal law occurring in the
5 Western District of Washington. The following information is based on my
6 investigation and where noted, the investigation of other law enforcement officers.

7 **RELEVANT STATUTE**

8 2. Title 18, United States Code, Section 876(c), makes it a criminal offense for
9 any person who knowingly deposits in any post office or authorized depository for mail
10 matter, to be sent or delivered by the Postal Service or knowingly causes to be delivered
11 by the Postal Service according to the direction thereon, any communication, with or
12 without a name or designating mark subscribed thereto, addressed to any other person
13 and containing any threat to injure the person of the addressee or of another.

14 **SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION**

15 3. On or about June 27, 2006, the clerk's office for the United States District
16 Court in Tacoma, Washington, notified the United States Marshal's Service that they
17 were in possession of a letter addressed to Honorable Ronald B. Leighton and
18 Magistrate J. Kelley Arnold. The letter was handwritten and contained the following
19 text:

20 *Here's a little note to let you sodomized sh---eaters beware of God's wrath,*
21 *only 10 (ten) times worse than Judge George H. Boldt & State Judge Hardy*
22 *B. Souly found out! God, remove those sh-eating sodomized queers last*
then all the way down to the first born, very violently also, smash their filthy
f--ing heads. . .

23 *You stupid idiots. I don't need a restraining order on you freaks to avoid 12*
24 *months supervision. I'll give the idiots my address! I just won't report as I don't*
25 *honor crooked courts. . . The people need to declare marshal law, with the*
army, navy, marines and air force! And shoot any & all of you filth on sight or
stench!

26 4. The letter was signed, "Sincerely, Charles Gary Felts." The envelope in which
27 the letter was sent has a return address of "Charles Gary Felts, # 621545, SCCC F-N-
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1 C20, 191 Constantine Way, Aberdeen Wash. 98520. This is the address for Stafford
2 Creek Correctional Facility in Aberdeen, Washington.

3 5. Investigation has revealed that Charles Gary Felts is an inmate at the
4 Washington State Department of Corrections at Stafford Creek Correctional Facility in
5 Aberdeen, Washington. Felts is serving a state prison sentence for three counts of
6 Intimidating a Judge and one count of felony harassment. Felts has filed several civil
7 rights claims in United States District Court, which have come before Judge Ronald
8 Leighton and Magistrate J. Kelly Arnold.

9 6. On September 21, 2006, I interviewed Felts, with FBI Special Agent Scott
10 Saxon, at the Stafford Creek Correctional Facility in Aberdeen, Washington. After we
11 advised Felts of his Miranda rights and identifying ourselves, Felts signed a statement in
12 which he admitted the following:

13 *I wrote and mailed a series of letters to the U.S. District Court in Tacoma,*
14 *WA, including a letter dated June 22, 2006. This letter was written to Judge*
15 *Ronald Leighton in order to get a fair and legal jury trial about false*
16 *accusations and violations of due process. The letter was not meant to*
threaten, only to state facts. I don't believe that the threats in my letter will
ever happen. I wrote the letter to wake them up and make them think. The
letter was a metaphor to make them think.

17 7. This investigation has also revealed that Felts has a 1977 federal conviction
18 for threats to a federal judge.

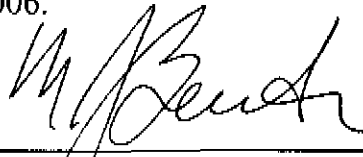
19 8. Felts is scheduled to be released from prison on Sunday, September 24,
20 2006.

1 9. Based on the foregoing, I submit that probable cause exists to believe that
2 CHARLES GARY FELTS committed violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section
3 876.

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6 RYAN BRUETT, Complainant
Special Agent, FBI

7 Based on the Complaint and Affidavit sworn to before me, and subscribed in my
8 presence, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the defendant
9 committed the offense set forth in the Complaint.

10 Dated this 22 day of September, 2006.

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13 MONICA J. BENTON
14 United States Magistrate Judge
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